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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 "M" Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: MM DOCKET NO. 97-204 - RM-9143 - RM-9158
COUNTER-PROPOSAL OF WILLIAM L. ZAWILA
AMENDMENT OF TABLE OF ALLOTMENTS CONCERNING RADIO STATION
KNGS (FM), COALINGA, CA - FM CHANNEL 261-B
Enclosed Documents

Secretary:

This letter is submitted to the Commission as a Counter-Proposal in MM Docket No. 97-204 involving Rulemaking No. 9143 and Rulemaking No. 9158. This Counter-Proposal is submitted by the undersigned, William L. Zawila, permittee of Radio Station KNGS (FM), Coalinga, California.

This Counter-Proposal supports and requests the allotment of FM Channel 247-A to Coalinga, California. Further, this Counter-Proposal proposes that the Commission amend the FM Table of Allotments to change the allocation for Radio Station KNGS (FM) from Coalinga, California, to Kettleman City, California. Radio Station KNGS (FM) is on FM Channel 261-B. This Counter-Proposal requests changes as follows:

<u>CITY</u>	<u>EXISTING</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Kettleman City, CA	NONE	Channel 261-B
Coalinga, CA	Channel 261-B	Channel 247-A

In support of this Counter-Proposal, William L. Zawila offers the following comments.

Kettleman City, California, has no service and this Counter-Proposal would provide first service to Kettleman City, California.

This Counter-Proposal would provide for continued local FM service to Coalinga, California. In addition to continued local FM service Radio Station KKFO (AM) is licensed to Coalinga, California. Coalinga would have adequate local service while Kettleman City would receive its first local radio service of any kind.

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Attached hereto are documents demonstrating that Kettleman City has been in existence since it was founded in 1929. This is shown in the attached letter from the Kettleman City Chamber of Commerce. Also, a History of Kettleman City is attached to outline the background and history of this community. Also attached is a list of the local merchants who are members of the Kettleman City Chamber of Commerce. Also attached is a map showing details regarding the community of Kettleman City. Kettleman City exists in every sense of a local community and deserves its first local radio service. This Counter-Proposal would provide such first service to Kettleman City.

The engineering for Radio Station KNKS(FM) that is already on file with the Commission demonstrates that KNKS(FM) can place a city grade contour over all of Kettleman City from KNKS(FM)'s current transmitter site.


This Counter-Proposal is being submitted on behalf of William L. Zawila in the above-referenced proceeding.

The certificate of service is being submitted under separate cover in this matter.

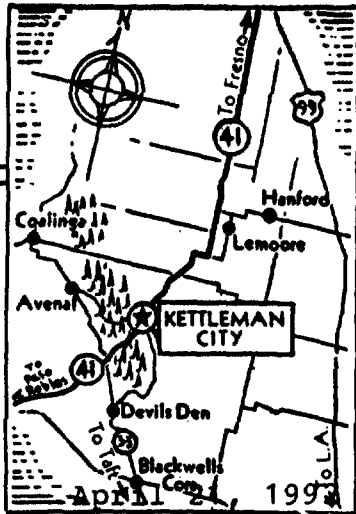
Please contact this office if you require any further information in this matter.

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Very truly yours,



WILLIAM L. ZAWILA



Kettleman City CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Kettleman City, California

Mike McKenna
Box 90277
Long Beach CA 90808

Yes, Mike, there is a Kettleman City. Founded in 1929, it's been here through thick and thin.

Here's the material you requested - history, map, business directory. Hope you can put it to good use.

Current population is 1,023 according to the highway signs at the edge of town.

Sincerely.

Ted Ewalt, secretary

P.S. - I have lived in Kettleman City for over 30 years.

A HISTORY OF KETTLEMAN CITY

by Ted Ewalt.

Kettleman City stands on what was once the western edge of Tulare Lake. Its recorded history began with the arrival of David Kettelman (also spelled Kettleman), a German who sailed around the Horn in the early 1850's to look for gold in California. He found no gold and settled in present-day Lodi, but roamed the valley with herds of cattle, which he sold to the miners.

During the 1850's and 1860's, men grazing cattle informally staked out areas. Kettleman Hills and Plain, McClure Valley (also known as Sunflower Valley) and Kreyenhagen Hills commemorate these wanderers.

The area became a route to the Coast, with open land from Stratford to Orchard Ranch in McClure Valley. During horse-and-buggy days, the ranch was a popular stop on the two-day trip. State Highway 41 follows this route today.

In the decade before World War I, the land was opened to homesteaders and developers. Among those were Claude C. Friend, and real estate developer A. Manford Brown, who had successfully subdivided land in Paso Robles and Morro Bay. In 1929, Brown bought 320 acres from Friend and subdivided a portion, naming his new community Kettleman City. He donated land for a school and a church, both of which still use those sites. A well was drilled, water lines laid and natural gas and electricity provided.

People had known for years that there was oil in the Kettleman Hills. Improvements in deep drilling brought in Milham Exploration's Elliot No. 1 in October, 1929.

The "wildcatters" made Kettleman City a typical boomtown, but as wildcatting ended and oil production stabilized, families began to predominate. Oil field workers and their families lived in tents until construction of homes began about 1930. Before the arrival of "swamp" coolers in the late 1930's, night shift workers dug cellars, just large enough for a cot, several feet underground, to avoid the 100-degree temperatures.

The decade prior to World War II saw grazing land become a village of about 600 people, with a lumber yard, two hotels, three grocery stores, several restaurants, service stations and garages. Population dropped during World War II, when gasoline rationing made urban living more practical than rural living. Since the war's end, growth has been gradual but steady, and today's population is about 1,200.

From its earliest days until the 1950's, Kettleman City was populated mainly by English-speaking oil field workers. During the Fifties, automation and declining production reduced the number of oil workers needed, and Spanish-speaking farm workers began to arrive. Construction of the California Aqueduct made irrigation water available and the land is farmed more intensively, increasing the need for farm workers. Today, more than 70% of the residents are Spanish-speaking.

From the earliest days, Kings County has had a branch library in Kettleman City, and now has a sheriff's sub-station, with fulltime deputies. A county fire station has replaced the earlier West Side Fire Protection District. In 1978, a community-wide sewer system went into operation, and the community purchased the privately owned water system. The post office, for many years housed in one of the grocery stores, now has its own building, with plans for future expansion.

Interstate Highway 5, linking Los Angeles and San Francisco, crosses State Highway 41, which is just a mile south of Kettleman City and still the principal route from Fresno to the Pacific coast. A commercial subdivision bearing the name "Kettleman Junction" has been built at this intersection. Located here are six service stations and truck stops, four restaurants, a market, motel and recreational vehicle park.

January, 1992

Kettleman City
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Box 66
Kettleman City CA 93239
Phone: 209/386-5850

Places to Eat:

Burger King
27675 Bernard Dr. - Box 689
386-0859 Open 24 hours

Carl's Jr.
33300 Hubert Way - Box 67
386-5355 Open 24 hours

Jack In The Box
33313 Bernard Dr. - Box 717
386-4413 Open 24 hours

J's Coffee Shop
33418 Bernard Dr. - Box 68
386-5010 Open 24 hours

Majors Brothers Farms
33225 Hubert Way - Box 659
386-5803 Open 24 hours

McDonald's Restaurant
27666 Bernard Dr. - Box 189
386-5663

Pizza Pirate
27623 Bernard Dr. - Box 266
386-0793

Places to stay:

Olive Tree Inn (Best Western)
33415 Powers Dr. - Box 540
386-9530

Kettleman City RV Park
33151 Cyril Pl. - Box 452
386-4000 propane, laundromat

Churches:

Community Church
General Petroleum & 8th - Box 150
386-5111

St. Cecilia's Catholic
Milham & 8th - Box 104
386-5770

Churches: (con't.)

Iglesia Evangelical El Calvario
28003 Milham - Box 180
386-5130

Victory Temple Assembly of God
Milham & 7th - Box 480
(No phone)

Service Stations

Brooks Arco Minimart
Hwy. 41 & Bernard Dr. - Box 88
386-9142

Beacon Kettleman City Truck Stop
33190 Hubert Way - Box 563
386-9076 Open 24 hours

Chevron Stations
Hwy. 41 & Ward Dr. - Box 118
386-5536 Open 24 hours

Cleo Rhyne's Shell
Hwy. 41 & Ward Dr. - Box 164
386-5711 Open 24 hours

C & D Union Service
Hwy. 41 & Bernard Dr. - Box 146
386-5656 (Towing)

Kettleman City Exxon
27574 Bernard Dr. - No box
386-9232 24 hours, liquor license

Repairs and parts:

I-5 Service Center
33252 Hubert Way - Box 367
386-0143 (Towing)

Macias Service
400 Brown - Box 157
(No phone)

Burleson Mechanic & Road Service
1209 Milham Ave. Box 90
386-0916

Groceries:

Kettleman City Market
216 Becky Pease - Box 119
386-0304

Ranch Market (liquor license)
121 Brown (Hwy. 41) - Box 719
386-4659

Other listings:

(Dial 911 in emergencies)

Sheriff's sub-station
Brown St. (Hwy. 41) Box 218
386-5351

Library
104 Becky Pease - Box 158
386-9804

Head Start
Edward & 1st St. - Box 36
386-9879

Housing Authority
605 Milham - Box 498
386-5281

Repairs and parts: (con't)

Wade's Service
209 7th - Box 292
386-5761

Kettleman City Parts & Supplies
202 Brown (Hwy. 41) - Box 415
386-5003

Fire Station
Brown St. (Hwy. 41) - Box 25
386-5338

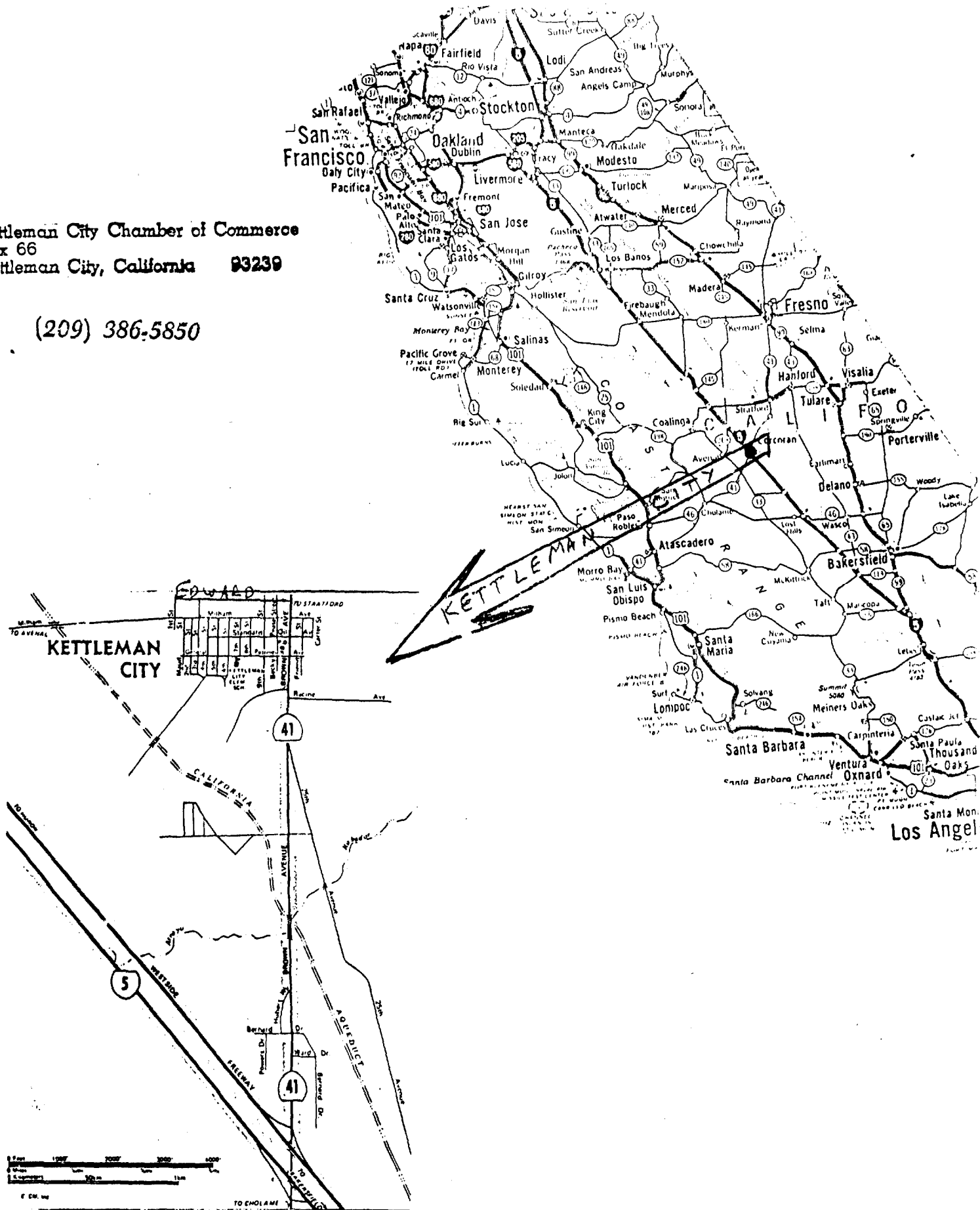
Elementary School
Gen. Pet. & 8th - Box 599
386-5702

Community Services District
110 General Petroleum - Box 179
396-5866

Post Office
1000 Milham - No box
386-9323

Kettleman City Chamber of Commerce
Box 66
Kettleman City, California 93239

(209) 386-5850



KETTLEMAN CITY

Population	1051
Housing Units	276
Median Family Income	\$12,941
Median Household Income	\$14,926

Kettleman City is located on State Highway 41, one and one-half miles north of